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To Members of the Finance Committee:

My name is Donna Noonan, managing member at American Metal Crafters LLC, a metal box manufacturer in Middletown, CT.

I am writing to voice my opposition to several tax bills before you which would seriously damage Connecticut's economy and our ability to compete and succeed here. These proposals would substantially increase our business costs and make it much harder for us to continue doing business in Connecticut. Specifically, we are opposing: HB-6348, HB-6349, HB-6350, SB-807 and SB-815

What are you people thinking of?? We need tax breaks not more taxes!! Don't you realize we are competing with foreign companies who pay less, give less and don't have to follow all the rules of Connecticut and Federal laws?? Smarten up before all manufacturing is lost.

We urge you to reject these proposals and work with the business community to encourage economic development and job creation in Connecticut. Thank you.

Signed,

Donna Noonan Managing Member

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